

School in Session Saturdays for the Saint Joseph's Academy

By Sabrina Butts, Staff Writer

On Saturday mornings, most kids want to watch Saturday morning cartoons or sleep in. Well, not these kids. The kids who participate in the Saint Joseph Academy want to learn instead. No cartoons or overly sweet cereals for them. They hunger for learning and that is just what they get at the Saint

Joseph Academy.

Saturday mornings, from nine-thirty to eleven-thirty, these eager students want to learn more than they did during the week. Saint Joseph Academy is an enrichment program for Kindergarten through sixth grade. Sarah Vaughn Junior Elementary Education Major is in charge of the Academy. It is an entirely voluntary program to the students who want to gain more

knowledge. Once there, they begin to learn something new or more about something they already know.

This past Saturday, the theme was eyesight, since the overall theme for the semester is "Making Sense of our Senses". Last semester's theme was the water cycle with "Rain, Rain, Come Our Way". Though there were only seven kids, both college students and the kids had

a lot of fun.

"We had a blast learning about eyesight and how important our vision is," said Eileen Mills-Groninger Freshman Elementary Education Major. She and Katherine Vanderkolk Sophomore Elementary Education Major worked with the Kindergarteners and did a variety of activities about the eyes. "We played bucket toss with eyes open and closed, we took a trip to the "Eye

doctor" and we drew pictures with eyes open and closed. It was indeed, a blast and a half."

Classes will continue with the exception of February 16 and during Spring Break. They will pick back up on March 15, when the Academy will have a Parent's Day, which is highly anticipated. It is an amazing program that encourages the love of learning in students who will help build the future.

SJC Respect For Life Marches on Washington D.C.

By Sam Duffey, Staff Writer

At a time of the year when most Americans are reflecting on the great civil rights march on Washington D.C. Saint Joseph's College's Respect for Life group was joining in a march of their own. They as well were fighting for people's rights, people's right to live.

On Friday January 18, an all night vigil was held. During the vigil, songs were sung and prayers were said for all grave

injustices against life to end, not just abortion.

Sunday January 20, a group comprising 7 Saint Joseph's College students, accompanied by Saint Joseph's College Campus Minister Ary Nelson '02, loaded on to a bus for the 13 hour journey to Washington D.C. After arriving on Monday the students had all day to see the sights and get a feel of all the history that has happened there.

The march itself was held on Tuesday January 22. Several hundred thousand people from all

across the country showed up to participate and protest the legality of abortion, *Roe v. Wade*. The march began at the base of the Washington monument across the street from the White House and ended at the Capitol Building. People lined the streets watching and sometimes cheering.

While marching, people joined in song and held up signs. "It made an impact on me to see signs saying, a person is a person no matter how small" freshman Elementary Education major Rachel Yankowiak said. The people participating were there to draw awareness for a law that needs to be changed.

Abortion is a hot topic in this year's presidential election. Often overshadowed by topics such as global warming, the United States economy, and the Iraq war, on January 22, the topic of abortion was on center stage. Many politicians didn't let this opportunity pass them by. Many came out to speak and give their opinion and stance on abortion, hopefully swaying a few votes in their favor.

A long cold and wet day of



The march took place on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (above) while freshman Becci Wynen and Sarah Kay find themselves in the middle of the action (below). (photos courtesy of Ary Nelson '02).



marching did not wear down one Saint Joseph's College student. "our arms were sore but we continued to hold our signs high" senior Bio-Chemistry major Joanna Askwith said.

The journey back to Saint Joseph's College was a ghastly one. A winter storm attempted to

put a damper on the day's events. But with a sufficient amount of crackers, 7up, and prayers. no bumpy bus ride could dishearten this group of righteous individuals.



Respect For Life Members who went show off their signs and their smiles in our Nation's Capital. (photo courtesy of Ary Nelson '02).

Tartuffe Splits Sides on the Saint Joseph's College Stage

By Jennifer Ruff, Staff Writer

This past week, the Columbian Players put on the classic Moliere comedy, *Tartuffe* for the Saint Joseph students and the members of the community. The play features a man named Tartuffe, played by senior Math major BJ Holding, who weasels his way into the wealthy home of

Orgon, played by senior Theater and Business major Jonathan Broeker, and his wife Elmire, played by junior Psychology major Heather Madden. Orgon is led to believe that Tartuffe is a very pleasant saintly man, yet there are many who try their hardest to persuade him to think differently. Dorine, the maid of the household, played by sophomore History major

Meagan Anderson, has the hardest time holding her tongue about the issue. Yet, he is not turned away by these words and even gives Tartuffe the hand of his only daughter Mariane, played by freshmen English major Megan Bobonick. The problem with this is that her hand was already promised to a young gentleman named Valere, played by sophomore English major Joe

Stewart. Trouble really breaks out in the household when Damis, son of Orgon, played by freshmen Music major Matt Kowalski, catches Tartuffe trying to gain the affection of Elmire. Once the corrupt Tartuffe is out in the open, the family can truly see what he is capable of.

The physical comedy and witty comments present in the show make it a crowd favorite.

This seemed evident in the opinions of the crowd. "I thought the play was great! I could really tell that everyone worked really hard on it," says sophomore Art major Carly Greco.

The Theater Department's next production is the spring musical *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, showing April 10, 11, and 12.

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Students Broaden Horizon by Studying Abroad

By Kathleen Grady,
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Living in a rapidly changing world means understanding different countries and cultures, especially for college students. Many students have the opportunity to spend a semester studying in a foreign country, fully immersing themselves in another culture. Saint Joseph's College is one school that has a small but growing number of students who take advantage of the chance to study abroad.

Dr. David Dixon, Associate Professor of Political Science, has served as the director of SJC's Study Abroad Program since 2002. He is very pleased to see the number of interested students rising and believes in the value of spending a semester in a foreign country.

"Studying abroad is becoming more essential as the U.S. economy is becoming increasingly interdependent with other economies all over the world," Dixon said. "I'm happy to say that this semester, we are sending more students abroad than during any other semester since I arrived in January 2002."

For the 2008 winter semester, SJC has five students

placed in various locations in Europe. Studying in London, England, are junior Nicole Little in the fields of biology and chemistry; junior Meghan O'Neill in the field of business administration; and senior Taleah Sanford also in the field of business administration. Nicole Pickens, a sophomore, is studying international relations in Wales; and David Santangelo, a junior, is studying English and theater in Grantham, England.

Although the semester has only just begun, the students are already enjoying their new surroundings and absorbing the culture.

"It has been quite an experience coming here," Santangelo said. "I'm studying at Harlaxton College about 100 miles from London, but I have already spent a weekend there. I took a tour of Westminster Abbey, visited Big Ben and Buckingham Palace, witnessed the changing of the horse guard at Parliament, and saw the Tower of London and the Tower Bridge. Finally, I went on a tour of Shakespeare's reconstructed Globe Theatre and got to see the site of the original Globe."

Even Santangelo's living quarters are full of history.

"I live with two other guys in Harlaxton Manor," he said.

"There are many stairs and passageways, so it is easy to get lost in. I have even found a few secret passages in the manor. It was the home of the Royal Air Force during World War II, and Margaret Thatcher stayed here when she was Prime Minister."

While they are overseas, students are able to pursue their interests outside of academics, as well. "I have an internship at a bank in London," O'Neill said. "I'm also taking a class through London Metropolitan University as well as two other classes through Central College in Pella, Iowa."

Studying abroad is easier than most people might think, according to Dixon. "Any student from any major can participate, and there are no extra-curricular requirements or restrictions. The [overseas] cost is also very close to the average [cost at Saint Joseph's]. GPA requirements can vary according to the program, but we usually expect at least a 2.0 average."

There are also outside scholarships available for students wishing to study abroad. Santangelo is one student who won a scholarship from the Harlaxton campus for \$2,000, which was applied toward his semester abroad.

The Human iPod Performs



SUB-sponsored performer John Rush put on a show for the SJC student body in the Cafeteria Friday, January 25. Rush, calling himself "the Human iPod," performed any song the audience requested from his two 5" three-ring-binders. He also performed some original material to the delight of the crowd. Rush has toured for the bands Fuel, Eve 6, Vertical Horizon, and Edwin McCain. (photo courtesy of Mike Koscielnny).

A Day in the Life of a Kairos Cook

By Michael Garrity, Staff
Writer

Kairos 48: Friday, January 25, 2008

6:00 am: Wake up to start cooking breakfast. We still don't have any hot water, so we'll have to make due. Fingers crossed it gets fixed today. Also, Marv is still missing.

9:00 am: Breakfast was a hit! Unfortunately, we don't get much time to revel in our successes; we have to start making lunch right away. Maybe we'll finally give them those sandwiches we've been promising them for so long. Still no hot water, yet, but they assure us it should be turned on shortly. Also, Marv is still missing.

12:00 pm: Lunch was also a success! I think this pretty much solidifies our place as the greatest cooks ever. All the retreatants are still in my dining room, munching on my food. All that's left is dinner, today is going to be a breeze. Also, Marv is still missing.

12: 15 pm: So, the hot water still

isn't on. That may be because the plumber doesn't know what he's doing, as evidenced by the 5 inch puddle of water all over the hallway. The best part is that as cooks, we're in charge of cleaning it up. I just wish I knew who it was that needed to take a shower that bad. Also, Marv is still missing.

4:30 pm: Okay, so we finally have it all dried up, or at least, the other guys did. We're back to making dinner; I think 300 pounds of lasagna should be enough. Also, Marv is still missing.

6:30 pm: I'd say dinner went pretty well, too. We didn't really put too much effort into cooking the food, but we just kept giving them more and more of it until they couldn't tell. Plus, someone found Marv!

7:30 pm: After dinner we got to sit in with some of the Kairos activities. That was quite the experience; in fact, I think I'll detail everything that happened...

[We're out of room and won't be able to finish The Diary of a Kairos Cook, thank you for reading.]

Regional Art Show Benefits Community

By Becca Schafer, Staff
Writer

In 1993, the Prairie Arts Council started the Regional School Art Exhibition as a way to support and promote local art teachers and their programs. Under the wing of SJC's head of the art department Bonnie Zimmer, schools in Jasper, Newton and other surrounding counties were given a chance to display their artwork. The purpose of the Art show is to provide an opportunity

for teachers to formally display the hard work of their students.

Zimmer stated that it is important to provide "visibility" for early art programs, and to create the foundations of a strong support system for area art teachers to come together. "Most importantly," continues Zimmer. "We attempt to encourage student artists and give them recognition for their creativity."

This year is the 15th Annual Regional School Art Exhibition, hosted by SJC since 1998. The shows originally held in Rensselaer in the Prairie Arts Council's Lillian Fengig Gallery, quickly outgrew the space as more and more schools became interested in recognizing their talented students.

The exhibition is now held in the Core Building, which today is displaying its elementary art show for students in grades 1 through 4. The recognition however, does not stop there. Following the elementary show is the high school level art show to be held later this month for artists in grades 9 through 12. The Regional School Art Exhibition will conclude in March with the middle school level show.

Artwork from 14 area schools can be seen in the Core Building for a completely open admission. Schools currently honored in the show are DeMotte Elementary, Wheatfield Elementary, Kankakee Valley Intermediate School, Van Rensselaer and Monnett

Elementaries, St. Augustine School, Tri-County Elementary, Lake Village and Morocco Elementaries, Lincoln Elementary (Roselawn), South Newton Elementary, Monon, Reynolds and Buffalo Lin. This year's show is featuring over 300 art students' work and attracted nearly 600, completely filling the Shen Auditorium with viewers and supporters.

With hopes that next year's attendance and participation will be even better, Zimmer says that the most important reason for

children to display their artwork is to so they can grow in a number of ways.

"In addition to the joy of creating, they must use higher order thinking and problem solving to make original art, not something that elementary children have the opportunity to do in an average school day. Most importantly, I think, is their growth in self-esteem. When children feel good about themselves like they do when they make art, they can do anything! It is such a treat to watch the children as they come to the front of the Shen during our awards ceremony (each child in the show receives a Merit Award Ribbon), they are so proud! So are their parents."

More exciting and upcoming events from the art department also include the Regional High School Show from February 18-29, the Regional Middle Level Exhibition from March 17-April 4, the SJC Senior Portfolio Solo Shows on April 14-18, and finally the end of semester show of SJC student work on April 24-30.

“When children feel good about themselves... they can to anything!”

~Bonnie Zimmer

Upcoming Campus Events

- Sunday, February 10 through Wednesday, February 13: Campus Ministry-sponsored Busy Students Retreat
- Wednesday, February 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: SUB-sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Ballroom
- Saturday, February 16 beginning at 7:00 a.m.: Science Club-sponsored Science Olympiad

From Sick to Superbowl-Best Week Ever

By Brent J Houlding, *Opinions Editor*

So, how about that weather, eh? Al Gore might be advocating a theory of global warming, but I think a postulate of global craziness is more appropriate. Take last Tuesday for example. It started out clear. Then, a torrential downpour came, resulting in running streams of water down the roads around Saint Joseph's College. Was that enough? No, for then we had snow. But the snow wasn't content to just fall, no, we had to have 40 mph gusts and snow "falling" straight sideways. There is something deeply wrong with the weather around us lately, even for Indiana.

And, as a result (I think), everyone it seems, is falling ill. I myself took sick for a couple days last week. It started with a general feeling of uncomfortable malaise. Soon came a runny nose, and then an incorrigible chill that penetrated to the very bones. A sore throat nipped immediately on its heels, bringing with it the feeling that one would drown in one's own phlegm. Were this not enough, dizziness, lightheadedness, and a strange permeating terror also joined the party. In addition, vomiting occurred on multiple occasions. This horror stayed for 48 hours, at the completion of which I sweat profusely all night, and felt nearly 100% cured in the morning. A strange eventful history to say the least. My condolences to anyone out there reading this who has suffered as well.

So how about some sports? In NBA action, the New Orleans Hornets have been surging, charging up to number two in the

West. My Utah Jazz have also enjoyed a positive movement in recent weeks, winning 11 of 12 at the time of writing. The Boston Celtics have cooled off a bit after their legendary start, and the Detroit Pistons are coming down off of their latest hot streak as well. And Pau Gasol to the Lakers? That will be huge in weeks to come. At this point, it looks like someone in the West will be waltzing away with another title. In college action, Memphis remains the only unbeaten, with a host of one and two loss teams looking to make it one hell of March.

Okay. I know you've all been waiting for it. Superbowl XLII. It was amazing, plain and simple. Regardless of the outcome, it was a beautiful game. Do you like sacks? Big hits and dramatic turnovers? A record number of fourth quarter lead changes? Then this game was for you. The New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots in a barnburner, 17-14. The upset of the century was completed, and all the Patriots legendary season did in the end was net them the 31st draft pick in April. Their ineptitude in this game was staggering. It is just continuing proof that one's actions will find one out. Spygate did have karmic repercussions; it just took a while to catch up. But wasn't it fun for the rest of us that it happened in such dramatic fashion? Oh yeah, baby.

So what does this mean to you, a football fan here in the midwest? How did this battle of east coast titans trickle down to you? Well, if you're a Packers

fan like myself, you feel vindicated. You may have lost, but to the Superbowl Champions, and by less than the New England Patriots to boot. As good an outcome as could have been expected. What about Bears fans? You're left with mostly shame, knowing that this Superbowl was far superior to yours in every way, and also with the shameful knowledge that this year's losers will bounce back better than you. The Colts are left with some of that less-good Superbowl shame as well, but so many more emotions are present for them. They have the contentment that their dastardly rivals did not win, and so they remain the last in the rivalry to take home the Lombardi trophy. More embarrassingly, though, will be the arguments over "Best Manning Brother" that are sure to dominate talk radio and ESPN for months to come. Don't despair Colts fans, it's still yours. Packers in 2008!

Lastly, in election news, Super Tuesday has gone down. Data was not yet available at time of print, but its sure to be a political hootenanny. This writer personally advocates Senator John McCain. He's from Arizona, and if we learned anything on Sunday, it's that Arizona knows how to show 97.5 million people a good time. Say, isn't that more than are likely to vote in this election? Yes. Let's all just say it: Football is more popular than God...errr...politics. I hope you all enjoyed your Fat Tuesday, and for you wacky Catholics, your not eating meat on Ash Wednesday. Have a great Lent, and I'll see you next issue.

Tartuffe Entertained Supremely

By Matt Kid Pious Rohaly *Guest Writer*

For those students who did not attend one of the three showings of *Tartuffe* this week, you missed an impressive performance. The general plot of the play is how an unassuming fraud takes over a well-to-do family and wreaks havoc. Tartuffe is a deceitful man portraying himself as a very pious, god-fearing gentleman. Unfortunately for this particular family, the only person who is fooled by Tartuffe's act is Orgon, the head of the household.

What happens next is a hilarious series of catastrophes. Although there were some points where the plot of *Tartuffe* seemed rather slow, particularly the first three acts, the times between these dry stretches was worth the walk in the cold over to the theater. What saved the show's slow start was the appearance of Tartuffe on the set. As soon as this so-called holy man appeared the audience erupted in laughter.

The parts were played very well, a few of the standout roles were the roles of Madame Pernelle, played by Roxie Kooi, Orgon, played by Jonathon Broeker, and, of course, Tartuffe, played by BJ Houlding. Other cast members were Matt Kowalski, Meagan Anderson, Megan Bobonick, Heather Madden, Maggie Hall, and David Spencer. The script was intricate, with the entire play scripted to rhyme. The actors were up to this challenge and played out this difficult script very well. The costumes of the actors were very realistic for Renaissance France and the set had the feel of an oldmanor house.



Above: French singers entertain the audience. Below: Spencer and Broeker argue about propriety (Photos courtesy of Fr. McFarland C.P.P.S.)

In addition to the play, the audience enjoyed classical French music before the play and during intermission. This music featured Elizabeth Bessette, Sarah Wright, Joe Stewart, and James Winter. This was a pleasant touch to the play.

All-in-all, this was an enjoyable night and well worth the time.

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Tartuffe--A Tale in Pictures



(All photos thanks to Fr. McFarland C.P.P.S.)

Measure Letter to the Editor

For the first time in many years, *Measure* may not be able to publish its annual magazine.

This simple fact is sad and distressing, as *Measure* is a long-standing tradition of Saint Joseph's College. *Measure* has long existed as a place for campus writers and artists, including both students and professors, to have their work published, often for the first time.

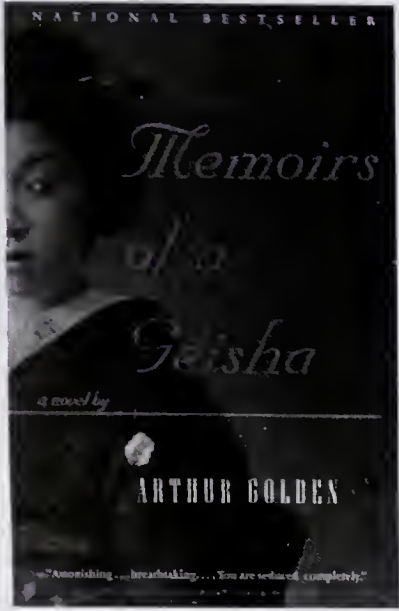
This year, *Measure* finds itself unexpectedly short a large amount needed for printing, due to a severely decreased amount of funding awarded by SA. This decrease is so great that it may be impossible to overcome by reasonable means and fund raising. *Measure* has long been free and open to the entire campus, and we wish to keep it that way.

This is not a letter accusing SA, but rather an appeal to Saint Joseph's College faculty and students. Please do not allow a tradition to falter. If anyone wishes to help or has any ideas how to help, please contact the editors at Measure-editors@saintjoe.edu.

Thank you.

Remembering the Past in *Memoirs of a Geisha*

By Erika Rowshan, Staff Writer



(Photo courtesy of <http://images.amazon.com/images/P/0679781587.01.LZZZZZZZ.jpg>)

I have been attempting to only review books that I have read recently as of late, but since I have been back at school, I have only had time to read for classes (course you, 21 credit hours). Thus, in this review I shall be telling you about one of my absolute favorite books that I have read a number of times. In fact, it is one of those books that I have read enough times to be able to pick up the book, flip to a random page, and start reading without even missing a beat. This book is called *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

Memoirs is a book that many of you may have already read due to its popularity and the movie that was made about it (the book is so much better, believe me). But, I digress. *Memoirs of a Geisha* is most definitely a book that can be read by just about anyone. It is written in a format that will draw the reader in and keep him or her interested up until the very end.

Memoirs tells the story of a young woman as she grows from a young child, who lived in a fisherman village in the late 1920's, to become one of the most stunning and beautiful geisha in Japan. At the beginning of the novel, we see the story through the eyes of Chiyo, who must deal with the reality of a dying mother and an elderly father in a small fishing village in Japan. Rather than allow his daughters to remain in poverty, Chiyo's father sells Chiyo and her older sister to a rich doctor in town who then sells them to separate fates in Kyoto, Japan. Chiyo becomes a maid in a house, in which one of the most successful (and also meanest) geisha of the time, Hatsumomo, lives. The early stages of the novel

take place during this time, in which Chiyo faces many difficulties and eventually attempts to learn the art of a geisha.

The latter half of the novel is about a teenaged Chiyo, who is now called Sayuri due to her geisha status and her attempts to become a true geisha, in a world where it seems as if everyone is fighting against her. This half of the novel is my personal favorite, because we truly get to see the art and lifestyle of the geisha during this time period. As Sayuri grows in popularity, her fight with the evil but clever Hatsumomo takes center stage, and thus we get to see how competitive such a field might have been. I believe that my favorite part of this half of the novel is the love story between Sayuri and a man known by the title of The Chairman. This love story is both charming and heartbreaking due to Sayuri's profession as a woman who must entertain many different men, while she really only wants to be with one.

Memoirs of a Geisha is a wonderfully written story, tries to delve into the culture and beliefs of the geisha and the cultures centered on the geisha during this time. Instead of painting the profession of the geisha as something sordid and morally wrong, Arthur Golden instead attempts to show that geisha were more than the equivalent to the western prostitute. The high-class geisha are seen through their spirited nature and beautiful artistry, and although they do entertain men through this art, they do not have sex with numerous men for money, as many may have wrongly believed. The novel is beautiful, charming, entertaining, and unique throughout the entire story and truly helps to paint a picture of the breathtaking culture of this time and place in history.



Movies: Like books but with an audience with a much lower average IQ. (Photo courtesy of <http://homepage.mac.com/tafrin/Pictures/icards/memoirs-of-a-geisha.jpg>)

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Stardust Dazzles with Romance and Adventure

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor

With the advent of Valentine's Day comes the annual deluge of romantic movies in theatres and on DVD. As usual, a majority of these movies are dull, uninspired, clichéd, or simply intolerably bad. Yet every Valentine's Day, couples subject themselves to these films in the misguided name of romance.

Stardust is a film that breaks that mold of mediocrity. A romantic fantasy in much the same style as *The Princess Bride*, it also includes much of the humor and genuine adventure found in that movie. Unlike its predecessor, however, *Stardust* presents a far-more adult world, one where death is not cured by miracle workers and consequences are very real.

The movie begins in the English village of Wall, a quaint place fittingly named after the wall that lies outside it. Young Tristan Thorn (Charlie Cox) does not realize he is a child of the land beyond the wall, a magical kingdom called Stormhold. He must return there to find a fallen star in order to win the heart of the girl he loves.

This brief description may sound rather sappy and standard,

but what this leaves out is that the star is a girl (Claire Danes), one that possesses something that a vain and deadly witch (Michelle Pfeiffer) and a group of fratricidal princes desire. Add in that the love in question is a spoiled brat (Sienna Miller), also that Tristan and the star keep running into weird characters, like the seemingly dangerous Captain Shakespeare (Robert DeNiro), and things become decidedly unique and interesting.

For those watching for romance, *Stardust* is obsessed with the subject. The nature of love is probed, found in unexpected places, and talked about nigh constantly. The love sick will be quoting this movie for years to come.

The fact that the movie is directed by Matthew Vaughn, the producer of British gangster comedies like *Snatch*, should provide comfort to those not so enthralled by love. He manages to keep and accentuate much of the original book's humor and nasty bits. Especially entertaining are the Princes of Stormhold and their lives (and afterlives), as well as DeNiro's

bizarre role. This is truly a movie with something for everyone.

The movie isn't perfect, with some pacing issues and occasionally unconvincing special effects. However, for the majority of the time, *Stardust* remains an amazingly versatile and exciting movie, perfect for Valentine's or anytime.



This is my usual "I have nothing to say about this" caption. (Photo courtesy of <http://mediagasm.files.wordpress.com/2007/08/stardustposter.jpg>)

New Music Round-Up: Cats, Vampires, and Mars

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor

Cat Power- *Jukebox*

In terms of current recording artists, Cat Power has to be one of the least appropriate and worst chosen monikers. It sounds like the name of some power pop group or intolerable tween band. What it doesn't suggest is Chan Marshall, the woman behind Cat Power and possibly one of the greatest female singers of her generation.

Jukebox continues Marshall's transformation into a pure, almost retro, soul singer. Formally, she was just as well known for her emotional fragility and drinking problems as for her singer-songwriting. Now mentally clear, sober, and focused, her music has become focused as well, with a truly confident and mature sound.

Jukebox is Marshall's second album of covers, and she steeps every one of them in her developed style. Even Sinatra's "New York, New York" sounds nearly unrecognizable. Marshall's voice is warm and her band is accomplished, creating music perfect for early morning and late nights, utterly beautiful.

The Mars Volta- *The Bedlam in Goliath*

By all accounts, rock musician must be one of the most highly haunted careers in the world. It seems more and more bands have elaborate tales of spiritual visits and mischievous poltergeists.

The Mars Volta, always far gone on the weird side of things, have seemingly also fallen pray to the other world and Ouija boards. The band claims their new album was influenced by conferences with the spirits of the dead, whose stories became the songs. However, these spirits grew agitated and cursed the recording of the album, resulting in a buried game board.

The Bedlam in Goliath remains an extraordinarily bizarre album, even disregarding all the occult hogwash. For those who've never heard their particular brand of sonic destruction, The Mars Volta are the result of two former emo band members freaking out, growing afros, and recording music that makes Spinal Tap's free jazz odyssey seem reasonable. The albums always have extremely geeky backstories and equally geeky lyrics, when you can catch any of the words like "wormhole."

The Bedlam in Goliath continues in this tradition. The album starts loud and fast and never stops, acting like one continuous musical climax. Even brief spots of slower tempo remain just that, brief, and often become very loud to compensate. The music is firmly entrenched in the prog tradition with modern altertative rock/emo touches, and the result is both exhilarating

and slightly headache inducing. This is not music for easy listening.

Vampire Weekend- *Vampire Weekend*

It's weird to feel badly for someone finding success, but Vampire Weekend may soon be deserving of pity. For no conceivable reason, this unknown indie band suddenly became the next biggest thing ever according to music publications and blogs across the world, creating an unbelievable amount of hype. An amount of hype which any bad would find insurmountable. To paraphrase a recent Stereogum.com post, now that everybody has bought the album, it's time to throw it out and start complaining about it.

This is unfortunate, as Vampire Weekend's self-titled debut is not a bad album. In fact, it's quite possibly a great album and a wonderful first effort, but definitely not universal savior of music territory. Though the band name suggests some new goth sound, VW use what's been deemed an afro-pop influenced sound. More simply described, the music is simple, sweet, intelligent, and upbeat.

This is inoffensive but fun music, a cheery face in the barrage of emo and dour faced indie-rock. Maybe this is what the world really needs.

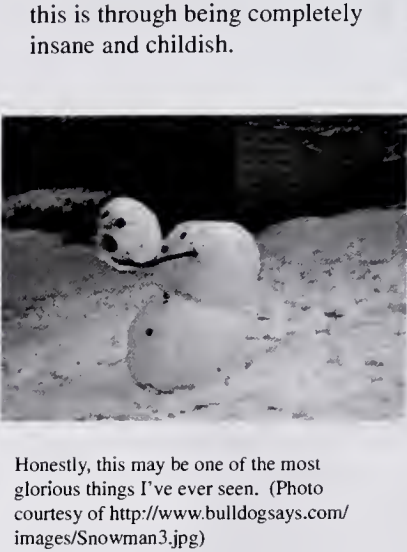
A Guide to Utilizing Snow for Fun and Insanity

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor

As every year in this place called Satan’s Armpit, better known as Indiana, we find ourselves inundated by that magical substance called snow. Magical in that somehow it goes from looking white and pretty to dirty, slushy, and annoying in 3 minutes flat. Every year at this time, I find myself tricked into believing that this snow is a wonderful thing, meant for frolicking and play. This illusion lasts until somebody chucks a snowball with an icicle imbedded inside straight at the back of my head, and I find myself waking with a concussion.

This is not even mentioning Rensselaer, Indiana’s amazing power grid. Somehow, with the slightest gust of wind, half the city’s power is knocked out. This happened once again last Wednesday as the power shuddered and died for little conceivable reason. Two friends willingly (at least that’s my story) sacrificed their lives to save the rest of us. It’s amazing how cold and hungry you can get in three hours.

Since this cursed season is apparently here to stay for at least another month, I believe its time to take advantage of the winter kill storms and turn them into winter wonderlands. Of course, the only suitable way of doing



Honestly, this may be one of the most glorious things I’ve ever seen. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.bulldogsays.com/images/Snowman3.jpg>)

Step One- Be Disturbing

First, follow in the grand tradition of *Calvin and Hobbes*, and build snowmen. Not just any frozen creatures, though, but a veritable snowmen house of horrors. There’s nothing like watching people walk to class in the morning pass the sight of snowmen hanging themselves, melting each other, and generally committing ice cold acts of genocide. (Ed: *The editor has beaten the writer for that pun. Since the editor is the writer, that’s a very difficult act.*) People will either laugh or be completely horrified, but either way, it’s entertaining.

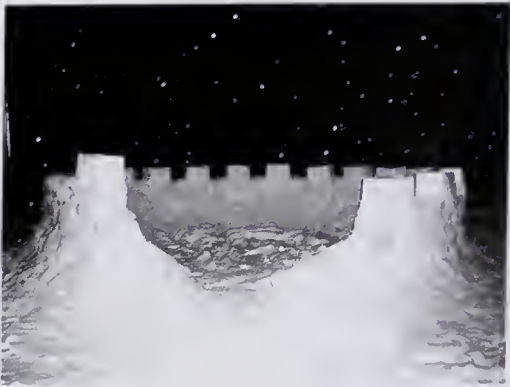
Step Two- Take Advantage of the Brave/Stupid

Second, attempt the long-standing tradition of polar bear swimming. That is, attempting a quick mass swim while the water still charts temperatures beyond what is acceptable to the human body. I’m not suggesting any person without a death wish try this, I’m more hoping someone is ignorant enough to do it so those of us with half a brain can watch the show.

Alternatively, you could attempt to convince people to swim with an actual polar bear. This may be slightly difficult, since polar bear’s are not native to Indiana, but it still is equally hilarious and fatal.



Isn’t it cute. Come here you big cute fluffy.... not that fast... wait, don’t bite ther.... aggggggggggh... (Photo courtesy of <http://www.duke.edu/web/nicholas/bio217/rsf4%20awc7/polar%20bear-thumb.jpg>)



Get yours before it’s too late. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.imagestation.com/picture/sraid223/p8c7830b383b2d8911ee0ab6858c743e3/eb0f454c.jpg>)

Step Three- Total Destruction

Finally, I propose something fun for everyone, even those who aren’t completely insane. There must be the declaration of an all-out snow war. I’m currently planning a sneak attack upon Gallagher and Hallas in the name of Schwietermann and Aquinas.

The rules of the war are simple: there are no rules. I suggest building massive snow fortresses across campus, include

blockades at all dorms. Wearing water resistant clothing and hiding all small electronics while walking is also recommended. Nobody is safe from the barrage of snow that will be unleashed. Mutually assured destruction is the order of the day, as everyone will be pelted and drenched. Of course, this only happens if people actually take my ideas seriously. Which means it will never happen.

At the very least, even those who can’t let go of their dignity enough to enjoy the cold can take heart in the fact that spring will soon be here, when we can anticipate melting snow and possibly even more flooding. Oh, the joys of living in Indiana.

Disclaimer: If anyone actually tries to swim in freezing water or play with polar bears, I am not responsible for any injury and/or death. However, I once again ask people to document their idiocy on film.

Happy (Belated) Holidays

By Michael Buno, Staff Writer

Editor’s Note: *Due to reliable writers being about as common as decent grammar in a Core 1 paper (i.e. not very), I am forced to unleash Michael Buno’s writing upon the campus again. See what you people drive me to do?*

Of course, when I asked him for an article, it seems he simply opened up some blog and then copied and pasted an entry. Thus, now you get to experience a couple months in the life of a Buno. Again, I’m sorry.

So, we meet again. Nearly two months have passed since I have bequeathed to you my infinite wisdom (Ed: *Now THAT’s a great joke, or depressing, I’m not sure which*), and it seems you’ve gone too long without it. Let me fill you on what you missed in the land of Buno:

First off, I got snubbed. For the fourth straight year, I was not nominated for the Bernard A. Balas Senior of the Year Award. (Ed: *Neither was I. I claim a conspiracy. The Scientologists are behind it all...*) True, I was not technically “eligible” my first three years here at Saint Joseph’s College, but that still doesn’t mean that each year, I wouldn’t have made a wonderful candidate. The five people nominated were well deserving of the recognition, yet it got me to thinking: why wasn’t I considered a viable candidate this year? Was it because I alienated

myself from the majority of the campus my freshman year by creating MAC? (Ed: *Probably.*) Was it because most of my extracurricular activities involved music, a field not as appreciated as it should be on this campus? (Ed: *Most likely.*) Or maybe, just maybe, did it have to do with my heinous body odor? (I try to shower once every week, I swear.) (Ed: *That explains the terrible smells emanating throughout Aquinas. I thought it was an evil spirit with flatulence issues.*) No matter. I am not bitter, as I hope is understood from my sarcastic musings. I wish good luck to all five finalists, and if one happens to find a newspaper on the floor of the Halleck Center and read my article, pass the message on to the others.

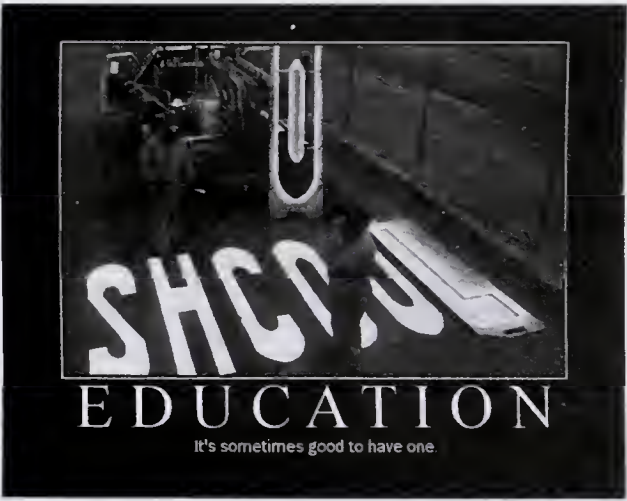
Secondly, I got addicted to *Guitar Hero* (again.) The first time this occurred was back about two years about when I played the original *Guitar Hero* game and beat it in about a week. My addiction quickly ended with the release of *Guitar Hero II* and the lack of success that subsequently followed. *Guitar Hero Rocks the 80s* just didn’t inspire me the way I thought it would, but then came *Guitar Hero III*, a game so fantastically amazing that my winter break seemingly blew by faster than you can say “Through the Fire and Flames.” (Ed: *Break was 5 words long? No wonder I*

didn’t catch up on sleep.) My love for the plastic axe was once again reborn. (Ed: *No Comment.*) Is there a *Guitar Hero IV* in the works? Perhaps, but we must support this ever-growing franchise in its endeavors. In recent news, the makers of *Guitar Hero* have just rented out the entire country of Finland as a winter resort. (Ed: *As per my article last issue, it seems Mr. Buno is supporting dangerous addictions. Good for him.*)

People often criticize the games, saying that it does not promote proper musicianship, and if someone is going to take the time and effort to perfect the game, he or she might as well just play a real guitar. However, how can you argue with a video crowd that’s calling for an encore right after you five-starred “My Name is Jonas?” (Ed: *If you’re arguing with a non-existent crowd, then you have even more issues than I do.*)

Also, during the time since we last met, I managed to gain 15 pounds and then lose 10. How did I gain the weight, you may ask? It’s quite simple. This formula should explain my unusual increase in body mass: Thanksgiving + Christmas + Unlimited Pantry Access = (-)))) (For those who are confused, the emoticon’s parentheses indicate multiple chins.)

Once I got back to school, it was time to diet as I did before



One of Buno’s “masterpieces.” (Photo courtesy of <http://saintjoe.facebook.com/photo.php?pid=30239919&id=172600044>)

the breaks came around. People often criticize the caf (and school cafeterias in general) for poor food selection, but as long as there’s a salad bar, I’m happy. It helps to have a supportive girlfriend that motivates me to lose the weight and stay in shape. (Ed: **wink wink nudge nudge* Say no more...*)

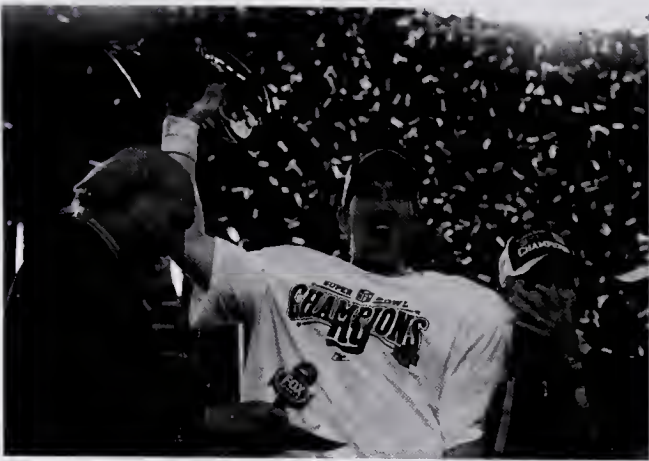
Speaking of motivation, I’ve been really hooked on “de-motivational” posters. For those of you that aren’t familiar with them, de-motivational posters are pictures made by average joes like myself that parody those stupid posters that are meant to inspire the uninspired. The fun thing about de-motivational posters is that they don’t need

messages. I made several of them myself, and they are present on my facebook profile. I find irony in the fact that I had such a motivation to create “de-motivational” posters; then again, I find it strange that so many other people enjoy them as much as I do. I guess it’s an acquired taste.

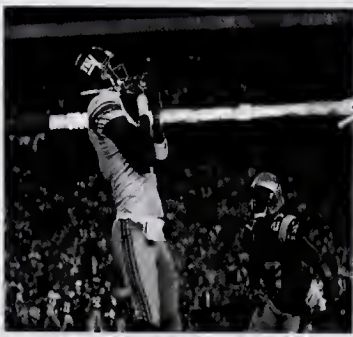
Well, I suppose that sums up another Buno winter. Expect more articles from me in the future, but until then, go play some *Guitar Hero* before it goes out of style. (Ed: *The only thing I have to say after that article is: What the heck was the point of that thing?*)

Giant Upset: Patriots Defeated 17-14 in Super Bowl XLII

By David Spencer 09Staff
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LEFT TO RIGHT:
Eli Manning was
pressured the whole
game, but delivered
in the clutch. Now,
both Manning's
have a Super Bowl
ring and MVP. (All
Photos from
NFL.com Super
Bowl photo gallery.)



Eliha Nelson Manning has cemented his legacy. He is no longer Archie Manning's youngest son. He is no longer Peyton Manning's little brother. He is no longer a 2004 draft question mark. He is a Super Bowl Champion. And his legacy will forever be defined as the guy who upset what was arguably the greatest single-season team in NFL history in the biggest game of the decade.

Eli and Company did the impossible. After winning their first 18 games, the idea of the New England Patriots finishing the season as undefeated Super Bowl Champions no longer seemed impossible. It seemed very possible—in fact, very probable. That is why the impossible happened. The Giants dominated the line of scrimmage. The Giants held the Patriots to their lowest scoring total of the season. The Giants won the game in the final minute. “Little

Brother” Eli beat the “Golden Boy” Tom Brady.

In retrospect, we all might realize that this victory was not as improbable as some would want you to think. The disparity between myth and reality will grow as time goes on. The Giants are a great football team, and the Patriots were always beatable. The Patriots beat up on lesser competition all season long, but when they played a team with a stout defense (Colts, Eagles, Ravens, Cowboys, or Giants), they trailed in the fourth quarter. The close games that the Patriots played were all won in the fourth quarter after their slow and aged defense had given up a lead. In the Week 17 contest where the Patriots beat the Giants 38-35, the Giants had the lead in the fourth quarter and were in position to win the game. The Patriots did not dominate the better teams in the league. They were never unstoppable and the

media perception that they were on a path to perfection was all a myth. The Patriots played one game at a time and played hard in all 19 games. They played hard for all 60 minutes of each game. The difference was that in the final game of the season, when those defensive linebackers were the oldest they had been all season, and the closest to retirement they had ever been, they gave up too many points.

The Patriots did not lose the game—they played well. The Giants played better. The New York Giants won this game and will win many more games and compete in many more championships. The Giants will be a prime contender for years to come and this victory marks the end of the AFC's dominance over the NFC. The Colts, Patriots, Chargers, and Steelers all have to look out for the NFC—we can no longer assume that the real Super Bowl is decided in the AFC

Championship game. The Giants, the Packers, and the Cowboys have cemented their spot in the contention for the NFL Championship, and true parity in the NFL is restored between the conferences. The Patriots' dynasty was bleeding the last two years to the Steelers and the Colts, and now the Patriots' dynasty is a thing of the past. The NFL has entered its own future, and with a new logo and image to be unveiled for the 2008 season, a brand new NFL team and coach and quarterback will move forward as NFL World Champions. This is the dawning of a new age in the NFL. This is a turning point in NFL competition. As we look forward to next year, we look forward to the future. The NFL is entering a new age, and like the multiple championships won by the Packers in the 60s, the Steelers in the 70s, the 49ers in the 80s, the

Cowboys and the Broncos in the 90s, and the Patriots of the 00s, the door is wide open for new teams to cement their legacy and begin a new dynasty. It could very well be Eli Manning and the Giants, or perhaps his brother Peyton Manning's team, or any other team in the NFL with a young and promising quarterback to lead the way. The Patriot reign is dead and over. We can all enjoy football again.

TOP: Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress (17) hauls in the game-winning touchdown with 35 seconds left.
BOTTOM: Patriot's quarterback Tom Brady (12) hangs his head after the dream season comes to a bittersweet end.

Men's Basketball Beats No. 4 Drury and Indy, Extend's Winning Streak To Five

By Andrew Costello, Sports Editor

(All stats courtesy of SJC Sports Information.)

Whenever February rolls around, there is excitement in the air. Sports' enthusiasts' appetites are satiated with the Super Bowl in initial days of the month, while the grueling nature of college basketball scheduling continues to appease any ambitious viewer. Fortunately for the Saint Joseph's College community, the men's basketball team has done a very good job of whetting appetites and fulfilling promises made at the season's beginning. Currently 12-7, the Pumas have won six of seven games, including a stunning victory over then-no. 4 Drury, and are getting more and more attention by the national media. The Pumas look to be ranked ninth or better in the next batch of regional rankings (which came out yesterday before press release) and look to have a long postseason.

The January 24th (Thursday) matchup against Drury was

more favorable to the Pumas than many critics had expected. The game also garnered much hype as former Puma assistant coach Dave Burkett made his return to Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse, this time on the opposing bench as a member of the Panthers' staff. His homecoming was anything but refreshing, as the Pumas won 68-62 in front of an energized crowd that realized the importance of the occasion. The Pumas handled the Panthers quite well throughout the whole ordeal, as a 15-7 run in the first half gave the Pumas an eight-point advantage after 20 minutes of regulation. The Pumas maintained that momentum and fed off the energy of the crowd throughout the rest of the game, as the Panthers never got closer than five points. Clutch free throw shooting (6 of 8) in the final minutes of regulation sealed the deal for the optimistic bunch. Senior guards Devin Thomas and

Ron Coleman accounted for 18 and 11 points, respectively, in the win, while sophomore guard Andrew Helmer continued his sophomore surprise campaign with 12 points and eight rebounds.

The Pumas faced another Great Lakes Valley Conference opponent in Rockhurst University on Saturday, January 26. Fortunately for the Scharf Fieldhouse defenders, the game was pretty much over at halftime, as the Pumas had a “convincing” 13 point lead and never surrendered the double-digit point advantage in the second half. A 83-59 shellacking most likely made the bus ride back to Kansas City a long one for the Hawks. Once again, Devin Thomas continued to punctuate the importance of his senior campaign with a 17 point performance. Junior transfer guard Will Jones also had a spectacular game, scoring 15

points off the bench in under 20 minutes. Sophomore guard Austin Peebles contributed 12 points, while Ronald Coleman scored 10 points and nabbed seven rebounds. Junior forward A.J. Mahar also dished out seven assists.

Next up on the Puma's plate was a fine serving of Greyhound delight, as arch-rival University of Indianapolis came to the court. Fortunately for the Pumas, the momentum from the previous two games was demonstrated in a stalwart defensive effort, as they tamed the Greyhounds, 78-56. The 56-point total was lowest opponent point total of the season. The squad picked a fine night to exhibit some offensive production as well, shooting at a 61.5 percent clip from beyond the three-point arc and nailing 16 of 18 free throws. Devin Thomas led the Pumas with 19 points, while Austin Peebles and Andrew Helmer had 14 and 11 points, respectively. Helmer nabbed 10

rebounds, posting his second double-double of the season. It was also a special game for Ron Coleman, as his four steals made him the fourth Puma to earn over 150 steals (151).

Overall, the Pumas are ready for whatever competition comes their way. Just ask junior forward Brandon Mayse.

“Our team defense has been the key to our success all season, and now that we are finding our rhythm on offense we are really starting to roll. If we continue to play pressure defense, and play unselfishly on the offensive end, then we will be a team that could make a lot of noise in the conference tournament and national tournament.”

Mayse and company will have the opportunity to prove their worth when they go on the road to face Southern Indiana on Thursday (7:30 PM) and Kentucky Wesleyan on Saturday (3:00 PM). Both times are local.

March Madness Happening Now!

By John Wyatt '09, Staff Writer

Well, it's nearing that time of year when all of us sports fans get really riled up. That's right! I'm talking about one of the largest sports gambling times in the United States: NCAA MARCH MADNESS!!! Yes, I know that it's only February, and there is a whole month to go before the tourney starts, but this is the month where things get interesting. Teams will start to do anything and everything to make sure they receive an invitation to the Big Dance.

So let's take a look at what has been going on so far. According to ESPN and USA Today, the top 25 have been pretty solid. But let's just focus on the top 10.

It stands as follows:

1. Memphis- Undefeated and nearly unstoppable, but tell that to UTEP last night who had them gritting their teeth all night.

2. Duke- After taking their first loss in the season to #11 Pitt, they have bounced back strong.

3. North Carolina- Every year seems to be the year for this team, but facing a tough rivalry game against Conference leader Duke (2/6), it will either make or break their tourney spot hopes and any chance to win the conference.

4. UCLA- Perhaps the best defensive team in the NCAA, UCLA is making a name for itself with the tough victories and with laughable wins over teams like Arizona (82-60).

5. Kansas- Suffering their first loss of the year after a 28-game regular season win streak to rival Kansas State. But not to worry, they probably won't lose again.

6. Georgetown- G'Town is sitting pretty well again this year with Hibbert as their main man. But look for Ewing Jr. to maybe become the man to beat during the tourney.

7. Tennessee- The Vols are strong and have had a good year, despite

lacking on the defensive side of the ball. They only lose if you can shut them down or can't outshoot you.

8. Wisconsin - Wisconsin is looking good after defeating Indiana a few days back. Looks to take command of the Big Ten lead facing Iowa and first-place Purdue.

9. Stanford - The Cardinal have made a strong resurgence since the start of the season. After beating Pac-10 rival Washington State last Saturday, look for some more strong performances.

10. Michigan St. - I am a Michigan man to heart, but let's face it: when State has a good team you can't help but cheer for them. Tough losses to UCLA, Iowa, and Penn St. have given them three losses, but I expect them to pick up their heads and get the ball rolling.

Notable Mentions: Indiana (#13) and Purdue did receive at least 40 votes in the polls.

Track Teams 2nd, 3rd at Wabash

By Clark Teuscher '00, Sports Information Director

The Saint Joseph's College men's and women's track and field teams took part in the Wabash College Alumni Invitational on Saturday at Knowling Fieldhouse, notching a second-place team finish in the women's meet and a third-place effort in the men's competition.

The Lady Pumas totaled 135 points to finish just nine shy of the University of Indianapolis. UIndy also claimed the men's trophy with 147 points, while SJC ended the day with 96 points.

SJC posted a trio of first-place finishes in the women's meet. Natasha Kinsey (Sr., Elkhart, IN/Memorial) won the long jump with a distance of 17'3.75", then teamed with Shayna Hesson (Fr., Rensselaer, IN/Central), Kara

Kerschen (Fr., Fort Collins, CO/Fossil Ridge), and Jenny Merkel (Fr., Indianapolis, IN/Roncalli) to win the 4x200-meter relay (1:51.09). Ashley Moore (Sr., Clarksville, IN), meanwhile, claimed first place in the mile run (5:41.16).

The Lady Pumas' 4x400 relay quartet of Hesson, Kerschen, Kylie Swisher (Sr., Logansport, IN/Pioneer) and Lydia Thompson (Jr., Frankfort, IN) placed second (4:31.7), as did Melissa Buche (Fr., Lowell, IN) in the high jump (5'2") and Alexis DeJean (Fr., Indianapolis, IN/Brownsburg) in the shot put (42'2.5").

SJC's performance in the men's meet was highlighted by second-place finishes from Derek Fasnacht (Sr., Charleston, IL/Lake Land CC) in the triple jump (43'1.75"), Sir William

McKenzie (So., San Leandro, CA) in the shot put (46'3"), and Kyle Lawson (Sr., Indianapolis, IN/Univ. of Indianapolis) in the 35-pound weight throw (54'9.5"). The 4x200 relay squad of Andre Wadley (Fr., Southfield, MI), Dominique White (Fr., Fort Wayne, IN/Snyder), Wes Nagel (Fr., Rensselaer, IN/Central), and Grant Dean (Sr., Hillsboro, OR) placed second as well (1:36.70).

****Editors note:** Due to inclement weather, the Division II Challenge at Saginaw Valley State University was cancelled this past weekend. The men's and women's track and field teams return to competition at the Wabash Invitational this Saturday at 11:30 AM local time.

Puma Track and Field Profile: Natasha Kinsey

By Andrew Costello, Sports Editor



Kinsey's four years as a member of Puma Track and Field have been solid. Besides qualifying for nationals in 2007, she is an All-GLVC performer and has set several school records. (Photo by SJC Sports Information.)

1. Full Name: Natasha Marie Kinsey

2. Any Spring Break plans? Hope to be preparing to go to Minnesota for Indoor Track and Field Nationals

3. First car: 94 Neon

4. Favorite movie: *Brown Sugar*

5. Favorite fast-food restaurant: Wendy's

6. If I could change one thing about Rensselaer it would be... To have a mall

7. Patriots or Giants: I don't really care who wins, but it'd be interesting to see a team go undefeated!

8. Bow Wow or Omarion: Neither really.

9. What's one thing most people don't know about you: I'm actually quite shy.

10. Finish this tongue twister: "She sells seashells..." by the seashore.

11. Phrase you are tired of hearing: "That's what she said."

12. Most memorable concert experience: Having to get pulled out of a fight (at a DMX concert)...haha.

13. Favorite perfume: Heavenly by Victoria Secrets

14. Career plans: Get a teaching job wherever there is one available!

15. Proudest moment as a Puma: Qualifying for Track and Field Outdoor Nationals (in 2007).

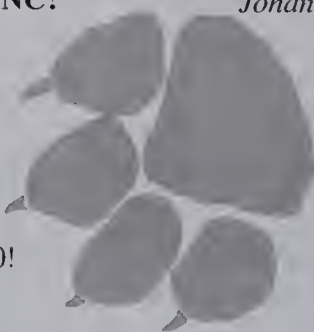
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Duke or UNC?

Johan Santana...

Daytona 500!



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Bulls Ready To Adopt "Wait 'Til Next Year" Slogan

By Chase Sonen '08, Staff Writer

They're young, they're exciting, but most importantly, they are inconsistent. Ladies and gentleman! Welcome your 2008 Chicago Bulls. While in the past the Bulls have struggled on their West Coast trip while the circus is in town, this season it appears that the circus is still in town every time the Bulls take the court. To think that Kobe Bryant was theirs to have, if only they could part with two of their perennial Choke-Stars. That's right, I said it! They gave up on arguably the top player in the

league in his prime because they did not want to give up a couple guys who do not rank in the top 20 in any key category and zero All-Star appearances between them. But no, John Paxson did not want to "break up" the Bulls. I'm sorry I did not realize losing every year in the playoffs was something a team was supposed to be happy with. As the Bulls sat around, happy with their inconsistent team, with absolutely no inside game, the rest of the league went out and improved



itself. The result...the Bulls have gone from conference favorite to one of the doormats of the East. As for Kobe? Well, all Kobe has done is lead his team to 30-16 record in a much tougher Western Conference. But at least we still have Ben "hot and cold" Gordon and Luol...Deng! As Kobe looks back and wonders why he ever wanted to come here, Paxson is left looking at the draft. Maybe he should draft another guy who the coaches don't play more than 10 minutes a game. Two years ago this looked like a team with

hope, this looked like a team to be excited about. Two years later, it looks like it is back to the drawing board as the Bulls are the staple of mediocrity, with no one player to truly get excited about. Oh what could have been...but then again, there is always next year...actually check that...with this team in tact, it might take a while. And that's no Bull.

LEFT: Luol Deng (9) and the Chicago Bulls continue to struggle through the 2007-2008 season. (Photo by NBA.com Bulls Photo Gallery: January 29).

Karma and the Cosmos

Divined by our own Sage Sukey



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)

Guy - You are more of the friend this week than the romancer the girls are looking for.

Girl - Faithful this week? Not a chance. You plan on having as much fun as possible even if your romantic nature gets in the way

Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)

Guy - You already have what you want and aren't planning on making any unnecessary advances.

Girl - Your instability this week will get you into trouble. Make a more wise decision than normal and stay indoors.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Guy - Your craving for excitement and entertainment will be fulfilled as Valentine's rolls around.

Girl - Ready for a challenge? Just keep your jealousies in check as V-Day rolls in.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)

Guy - Your short temper will not get you into bed for Valentine's Day if you don't tape your mouth shut.

Girl - Your materialism this week will keep many a suitor away. You are way too expensive for them to afford.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)

Guy - Your intelligent mind and loquaciousness will get you where you want to go the most: her bed.

Girl - You are the entertainment this week and your frankness and wit are highly desirable

Cancer (June 21-July 21)

Guy - You are the romancer this week and seem to be collecting all the goods, but be wary of your rivals.

Girl - You are looking for your soul mate and marriage. You do not have time for petty affairs.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)

Guy - You are far too stubborn this week to give up the pursuit on that certain vixen your chasing.

Girl - You are going to be where all the action is this week and everyone wants to continue to be around you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)

Guy - You are a penny pincher this week and are afraid to open your wallet too wide and letting that girl take everything.

Girl - Of your possible suitors pick the most ambitious and attractive of them. You can't go wrong.

Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)

Guy - Your love of truth makes you sneer at the idea of superficial romances this week.

Girl - Your kind nature this week seems best placed in helping the less fortunate (not including the boy tailing you).

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Guy - Passion is your key word this week, but do remember to keep in mind how your actions affect others.

Girl - You own the world of seduction and glamor this week and nothing will hold you back from getting what you want.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

Guy - Your restlessness is getting the best of you and you can't keep your pants on. Just remember your protection.

Girl - You won't stand for the hypocrisy dripping from boys' tongues. Remember, they don't have enough proper brain cells.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)

Guy - Spending time alone is rather necessary as everyone is attempting to jump on it.

Girl - Your energy is on overdrive this week as everyone is out socializing and making plans for V-Day.

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to dmm6040@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

My pants are falling down. I can't do this much longer.

I got some Church questions to ask him.

Just bend your head backwards and open your mouth.

Swallow. Swallow. It's okay to spit it out too.

I am that .1%

Play harder this is football!

Why are you thumping through the pillow?

Don't stroke there!

Maybe you shouldn't stick your cold wet fingers down my neck.

I got lucky. I was dumb, but I got lucky.

I enjoy releasing hormones in my brain.

Completely Random Facts

The verb "cleave" is the only English word with two synonyms which are antonyms of each other: adhere and separate.

The longest Monopoly game in a bathtub was 99 hours long.

Your statistical chance of being murdered is one in twenty thousand.

The exact geographic center of the United States is near Lebanon, Kansas. Craven Walker invented the lava lamp, and its contents are colored wax

and water.

Charlie Brown's father was a barber.

Golf was banned in England in 1457 because it was considered a distraction from the serious pursuit of archery.

Rabbits can't sweat.

Facts courtesy of www.angelfire.com/ca6/uselessfacts/

Nota Bene

What other dungeon is so dark as one's own heart! What jailer so inexorable as one's self! Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864)

A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous. Ingrid Bergman

Vindicta Nemo magis gaudet quam foemina. Decimus Junius Juvenal (1st - 2nd Century)

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Down, Wanton, Down

A poet who isn't afraid to use his pen in the right ways. Chooses the best words for the job and knows how to properly take care of any matter (providing a nice beauty doesn't walk by).

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After teaching most of mankind the secret arts of love, she is now in need of a lover to keep her satisfied as she did for the rest of humanity. With any beast and man wanting to lay before her, you best be quick to snag this goddess before she finds her romancer.

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for February 7
(219) 866-2222

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27 Dresses

Fri: 4:30, 6:30 (PG-13)

Sat: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30

Sun: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30

Mon-Thurs: 4:30, 6:30

Junio

Fri: 4:50, 6:50 (PG-13)

Sat: 2:50, 4:50, 6:50

Sun: 2:50, 4:50, 6:50

Mon-Thurs: 4:50, 6:50

The Bucket List

Fri: 4:40, 6:40 (PG-13)

Sat: 2:40, 4:40, 6:40

Sun: 2:40, 4:40, 6:40

Mon-Thurs: 4:40, 6:40

Meet the Spartan

Fri: 5:10, 7:10 (PG-13)

Sat: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10

Sun: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10

Mon-Thurs: 5:10, 7:10

Rambo

Fri: 5:00, 7:00 (R)

Sat: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Sun: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Mon-Thurs: 5:00, 7:00

Coming Soon

Fool's Gold

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&

The Spiderwick Chronicles

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The Ritz Cinema

Movies for February 7

(219) 866-0086

www.ritzcinema.net

Charlie Wilson's War

Every night at 7:00 (R)

Begins February 8

Coming Soon

Visit website at a later date

Events Around Campus

Lunar Eclipse

· Check out the eclipse on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 beginning at 7:43 and ending at 11:09.

· Total Eclipse should begin around 9:01 and last until 9:51

· The moon will possibly take on a dramatic colorful appearance of bright orange to blood red to dark brown

· ONE NIGHT ONLY where ever you are outside.

· Mark it on your calender